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# Minaret



**Utah Shriners**

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*From the Officers and Staff*

*El Kalah Shrine*

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## **Divan**

John Limb, PP	Potentate
Jeremy Estes	Chief Rabban
Michael Clark	Assistant Rabban
Daniel Drew	High Priest & Prophet
Dave Hutchinson	Oriental Guide
Al Hokins	Recorder
Bill Voorhees	Treasurer

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Tim Stenner	2nd Ceremonial Master
Richard Bond	Director
Bryan Gorum	Marshall
Doug Kunkle	Captain of the Guard
Brett Reynolds	Outer Guard
Chuck Warren	Chaplain
Justin Anderson	Aide
Travis McGuire	Aide
Richard Wailes	Aide

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## *Living Potentates*

1985 Jerold R. Cochran	2003/2019 Robert N. Shupe	2012 Douglas J. Backes
1987 Blaine H. Simons	2005 Michael W. Roshek	2013 William H. Broyles
1988 Aaron E. Saathoff	2006 Frederick G. Kidston	2014 James L. Sweet
1992 Gerald J. Everett	2007 Lawrence K. Fielden	2015 M. Lynn Larsen
1993 David B. Edwards	2008 Jon H. Harris	2016 Joel E. Meza
1997 George Auer	2009 Marvin E. Morton	2017 Jason C. Varner
1998 Michael W. Roshek	2011/2020 John D. Limb	2018 Paul Madsen
2001 Glen A. Cook		2021

## *January Birthdays*

J R Whitten MD	01/02	Robert McKenzie PGM	01/10	William C Nelson	01/23
Ray J Paramore	01/02	K L Barlow	01/12	Richard P Bond	01/24
Kenneth M Wilson	01/04	Steven B Plass	01/12	William L Zierle	01/24
Robert Wolfarth PGM	01/04	Dolph A Woods	01/17	Shane Brennan	01/25
Clay G Hamblen PGM	01/04	Sean Porter	01/17	Philip Buccheri	01/31
Jess D Worwood	01/04	Ronald T Corey	01/20	James S Mellos	01/31
William L Blycker	01/09	Daniel Drew	01/20	Reed B Fanning	01/31
		Wilfred O Bowers	01/22		

## *Black Camel*

Robert J Marsilio April 24, 1938 ~ August 16, 2020  
Jack D Davidson October 14, 1924 ~ November 3, 2020

*Rest in Peace*

## *New Members*

YOUR LODGE BROTHER'S NAME SHOULD BE HERE!

*Welcome New Members!*

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## From the Potentate



Nobles,

I want to thank the nobles for letting me serve as Potentate for 2020. I look forward to the new divan taking over the temple they will do great things in 2021. With COVID in 2020 it was hard to get things done but my officers did a great job. Thanks again and have a great 2021.

Be safe out there.

*John Limb, Potentate*

## From the Chief Rabban



Fellow Nobles,

Wow what a year this has been with the COVID going on. I know I sound like a broken record as this is brought up in every article this year. I am hoping that this will ease up soon so that we can get back to what we are all here to do, help the kids and build El Kalah.

We are working on some things that may help us in the very near future to be able to bring more people into El Kalah. Once we have this finalized, we will let you know what they are.

I would like to thank all the Nobles who voted me in as the Potentate for next year. I am confident that we will have a successful year. We have a lot of things that we plan on doing this year, more to come on this soon. I look forward to working with the newly elected and appointed Divan this year.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and look forward to a New Year. Be safe!

*Jeremy Estes, Chief Rabban*

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## From the Assistant Rabban



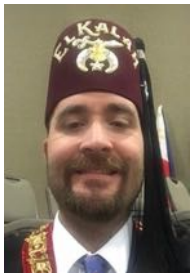
Fellow Nobles and Significant Others,

My Lady, Tiphanie and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, another year has come and gone. Let's hope 2021 is a better year than the last. I would like to thank everyone for their support and confidence, to be a part of the El Kalah leadership for another year and we also welcome some new appointed positions as well. As stated before, we are actively working on and modifying a 5-year plan that will benefit everyone and once the flood gates open, we will be very active. Everything that was slated for 2020 has been moved to the 2021 calendar including leadership meetings that will include elected and appointed Divan, as well as club and unit leadership and everyone's lady if they choose to attend. Involvement of family is a big-ticket item by Imperial, so why not hit the ground running with involvement and support of those that support us. Also keep checking the El Kalah website and Facebook pages for continued updates and information. Please make sure your contact information is up to date as well. Hoping to see everyone soon!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Michael "BOOTZ" Clark, Assistant Rabban*

## From the High Priest & prophet



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

I am going to keep this message sweet and simple! I want to wish the Ladies and Nobles a happy, fruitful, and safe New Year! And from me and my family to yours: May your 2021 be a wonderful one!

Fraternaly and Sincerely

*Daniel Drew, High Priest & Prophet*

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## From the Oriental Guide



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Susan and I wish everyone a good new year and continued health. The holiday season has passed, and I hope everyone had as good as time as possible given the circumstances. Hopefully 2021 will be better.

2021 brought us many firsts and we have completed El Kalah's first electronic voting. It went very smoothly and provided everyone who wanted a chance to vote. The installation of the 2021 Divan will be on January 5<sup>th</sup>, in a small, tiled ceremony. The Potentate elect and the Divan elect have put together a 2021 calendar of events that hopefully we will be able to do this year. It includes many parade appearances, picnics and new events. One of our challenges this year will be building membership, if you know a Mason that would like to join the Shrine get him a petition and we will get him initiated. With a vaccine available I expect that we will be able to do more activities this year.

Finally, I want to thank the Nobles for electing me to be High Priest and Prophet this year. I will do everything in my power to keep El Kalah successful and growing. Our hospitals continue to weather the virus and provide treatment to many children. This is proof that the Shrine is more powerful than any adversities we may encounter.

Fraternally and Sincerely

*David Hutchinson, Oriental Guide*

## From the First Ceremonial Master



Even though there was no Clown Christmas Party this year at the Hospital, the Christmas Tree arrived, a big thanks to Carl & Edie Fauver, Will & Sandi Stamp and Tim Stenner, for making this possible.



*Blake Hansen, 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master*

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## From the Chaplain



Well, it seems most of us have survived the terrors of 2020 to move on to the next set of challenges. I'd like to say "It's been fun" but you would know I was lying, so never mind. The ravages of this horrible COVID pandemic have taken a severe toll on most of us, especially mentally. Our entire way of life has been disrupted. However, as I believe is the will of our Maker, we have improvised and have developed ways to overcome the hardships. One benefit of our efforts has been the increased use of Virtual meetings. If you haven't yet joined in, you don't know what you

are missing. Some organizations of which I am a member report a substantial and very welcome increase in the numbers of participants, apparently due to the availability of the virtual platforms. I know some of my peers are somewhat intimidated by the technology, but please give it a try. There are many, many of us who welcome the opportunity to assist you in getting up to speed. Believe me, it is well worth the little bit of effort it takes to learn how to operate within the system. And, I believe it is one of the best cures available for "Cabin Fever". If you would like to have a brief and personal "one-on-one" session with me, just give me a call at (435) 503-0549 or email me at [chuckwarrensr@aol.com](mailto:chuckwarrensr@aol.com) and I'd be glad to help you. It can be done via desktop or laptop computer, notebook, or phone. El Kalah Shriners were able to conduct elections in December and our new Officers will be Installed, again thanks to the virtual system. Much information will be posted in the Minaret, on Facebook, and on our website, so look elsewhere in this edition for additional data

Now, for a chuckle or two: *A man noticed that the type on his printer was getting faint. He called a local repair shop and was told by the friendly employee that it probably just needed to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, the employee told the man that he might be better off reading the manual and trying to repair it himself. Surprised by the employee's candor, the man asked, "Does your boss know you're so honest?" "Actually," the employee replied sheepishly, "it's his idea. We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix it themselves first."* ~ *Scientists have found a way to genetically cross a praying mantis with a termite. In other words, they've created an insect that says grace before it eats your house.* ~ *A taxi driver and a minister arrived in heaven at the same time. The taxi driver was led to a palatial suite, and the minister was given a small room. "I don't get it," the minister said. "All he did was drive a cab. I was in the ministry for decades. "Up here, we go by results," St. Peter said. "While you preached, people slept. While he drove, people prayed."*

I hope none of you overindulged during the Holidays. Happy 2021 to all of you and let us pray for a rapid and significant reduction of this horrible COVID in our lives.

*Chuck Warren*, Chaplain

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## *From the Recorder*



Hello, Nobles and friends!

My lady, Sylvia, and I hope that each of you and your families have had as Merry Christmas as possible under current trying circumstances!

We wish from the bottom of our hearts that all of us have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2021!

Along Shriner business lines, the Imperial Bylaws require that the Recorder of each Shrine Center update, each year, the officers and membership roster of all Units and Clubs. Imperial Bylaws also require that every Shriner must be current with their dues in order to qualify for membership in a Unit and/or Club. With Bylaws requirements in mind, I ask all unit and club leaders please send the Recorder an updated and complete list of all members in each of your organizations by January 15, 2021. Thank you.

Stay Safe; wear masks; wash hands and keep your distance!

S & F

*Al Hokins, Recorder*

## *Shrine Family Calendar of Events*

**January 17, 2:00pm** El Kalah virtual memorial Service. Here is the Zoom link  
<https://uetn-org.zoom.us/j/9348556262?pwd=OEZNOUo5WHRQRndYN2tiK3B4Q2ZlUT09>

**January 20, 7:30pm** El Kalah Virtual business meeting. Danny Drew 435-714-0482

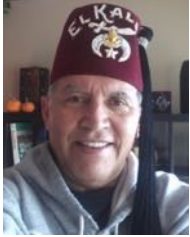
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# Locke Your Heart on These Pearls



John Locke significantly influenced democratic thought in England. Our Masonic ideals attest to this. Here are a few pearls from reading his collection:

**On Knowledge:** *“It is worthwhile to search out the bounds between opinion and knowledge, and examine by what measures, in things wherefore we have no certain knowledge, we ought to regulate our assent and moderate our persuasion.”*

**On Memory:** *“Memory... where it is wanting...all the rest of our faculties are in great measure, useless... Our thoughts, reasonings and knowledge, could not proceed ... were it not for the assistance of our memories.” “The dull man... while he is seeking in his mind for those ideas that should serve his turn, is not much happier than one who is perfectly ignorant. It is the business therefore of memory to furnish to the mind those dormant ideas which it has present occasion for, for in the having them ready at hand on all occasions, consists that which we call invention, fancy and quickness of parts.”*

**On Reason:** *“Reason in four degrees. The first and highest is the discovery of truths. Second, the regular disposition of them and laying them in a clear and fit order. The third is to make their connection. And the fourth, making the right conclusion.” “Syllogism ... is not the only nor the best way of reasoning... [Men] who are willing to find [truth] and desire to make the best use [of it] may attain it.”*

**On Intuition:** *“Intuitive knowledge... [is] the highest of all human certainty. In this consists the evidence of maxims which nobody has any doubts about... In the discovery and assent to these truths, there is no use of the discursive faculty, no need of reasoning, but they are known by a superior and higher degree of evidence. And such if I may guess of things unknown, I think that angels have now, and the spirit of just men made perfect shall have, in a future state, of thousands of things which now either wholly escape our apprehensions, on which our short-sighted reason having to get some faint glimpse of, we, in the dark, grope after.”*

Some left-brained brethren may have trouble with this last paragraph. If this is the case, I recommend you ponder this concept in the EA lecture: *“You were hoodwinked... for three reasons: first that your heart might be taught to conceive before your eyes beheld the beauties of Masonry.”*

Happy New Year!

Hugo Rodier, MD, Board of Governors, Shriners Hospitals for Children

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## *From the Webmaster*

How many of you are aware that we (El Kalah Shriners) have a great website? <https://elkalahshriners.org/> is the web page most frequently used by Shriners to keep up to date with what's going on in the Divan and the Temple, updates to the calendar, the Minaret (both current and past editions), list of Current Officers, etc.

Did you know that if you click on the little magnifying glass in the header of this site, you can type in whatever you are looking for (keep it simple), and the system will take you to the location of the information? If the information is not resident on this site, the system will tell you so!

Did you know you can contact me if you need help getting the information or articles you wish posted or would like to read? Try reaching out to me at [chuckwarrensr@aol.com](mailto:chuckwarrensr@aol.com) and I'll do what I can to assist you. Obviously, information to be posted must be approved by the Potentate/Divan, but that won't take long! Just make sure it is appropriate and something you would like your Mother to read.

*Chuck Warren, Webmaster*

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## From Daughters of the Nile



To all Nobles and Ladies and all our Masonic Family.

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas. I am sure it was different, but memorable, nonetheless. The year of the Covid has ended. Things are looking brighter for 2021. May we all soon be able to meet again, just like we used to.

With Nile Smiles and hopes for the future,

*Linda Adams, Queen, Lybia Temple #32*

## From Ladies Oriental Shrine



Dear Nobles and Ladies,

Happy New Year! Three little words. We are accustomed to saying them at the end of a year or the beginning of a new year. We are on autopilot so to speak. Given what our world is experiencing it gives a person reason to rethink all the usual greetings and niceties. How are you? How are you feeling? Have a nice day, etc..... Are we genuine, do we really want to know or is it just a formality? I for one am going to make sure

that my actions and my tone of voice let people know that I really am interested, and I really want them to have a good day. With that said, I **truly** wish everyone a happy, healthy, hope things get back to some resemblance of normalcy NEW YEAR!

Lady *Julieann Chapman*, High Priestess, Iris Ct #47

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